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In application of:

Reiley

Docket No.: 9414.17206-CIP 2 DIV

Serial No.:

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Examiner: Unknown

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Group Art Unit: 3732

For:

Intramedullary Guidance Systems and Methods for Installing Ankle

Replacement Prostheses

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

#### **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

### **STATUS**

2. Applicant is

[x] a small entity

[ ] other than a small entity.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United State Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed as follows: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

# **EXTENSION OF TERM**

NOTE:	"Extension of Time in Patent Cases (Supplement Amendments) - If a timely and complete response has been lifed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.			
	a Notice the timel	of Appeal y-filed resp	e has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of a or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expirence placed the application in condition for allowance. Of control to the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 1	ration of the shortened statutory period unless ourse, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within
NOTE:	See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.			
3.	The pr	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply		
			(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)	)
	(a)	[]	Applicant petitions for an extension of time to 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months cl	
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	If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.  (check and complete the next item, if applicable)			
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	Extension fee due with this request: \$			
			OR	
	(b)	[x]	Applicant believes that no extension of conditional petition is being made to provide inadvertently overlooked the need for a petit	for the possibility that applicant has

### **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee (Small Entity)	Additional Fee (Large Entity)
Total Claims 37 CFR 1.16(c)*	2	-20 =	(18)	x \$ 9.00	\$0	\$0
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)**	2	-3 =	(1)	x \$ 43.00	\$0	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent claim(s) if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				\$145.00	\$0	\$0
Total Additional Fee					\$0	\$0

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The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (S 1.113) amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 CFR S 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d) as applicable)

	(c)	[x ] No additional fee for claims is required.	
		OR	
	(d)	[ ] Total additional fee for claims required \$	
		FEE PAYMENT	
5.	[]	Attached is a check in the sum of \$	
	[]	Charge Account No the sum of \$	
		A duplicate of this transmittal is attached	

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NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. [x] If any overpayment of fees or additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. <u>06-2360</u>.

### AND/OR

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# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application prior to the first Office Action and calculation of fees as follows: